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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: DEPARTURE STATEMENT

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PROPOSE FOLLOWING DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT HERE:

BEGIN TEXT

AFTER EVEN A VERY SHORT VISIT TO THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY,  
I CAN READILY UNDERSTAND WHY IT HAS BEEN CALLED QUOTE THE LAND  
COLUMBUS LOVED. UNQUOTE COLUMBUS WAS ITS VERY FIRST TOURIST. ALMOST  
FIVE CENTURIES LATER, ITS ATTRACTIONS ARE BEIN REDISCOVERED BY  
GOROWING NUMBERS OF VISITORS FROM NEAR AND FAR. WITHIN A SINGLE  
WEEK THE KING AND I HAVE BEEN AMONG THEM.

EVIDENT TO EVEN THE MOST CURSORY OBSERVER ARE NOT ONLY THE  
BEAUTY OF THIS LAND BUT THE REMARKABLE DYNAMISM AND SPIRIT  
OF ITS PEOPLE. THESE QUALITIES ARE REFLECTED IN THE BUSY  
THOROUGHFARES OF THE CAPITAL, THE PROLIFERATION OF CONSTRUCTION,  
THE CHARM OF THE COLONIAL RECONSTRUCTION AND OF THE PLAZA DE  
CULTURA, AND IN THE STATISTICS WHICH SHOW THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
TO HAVE ON OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE  
HEMISPHERE.

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THE MODERN DEVELOPING REPUBLIC IS THE PRODUCT OF DOMINICAN

ENERGIES. THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD TO HAVE PLANED A PART IN THE EXTRAORDINARY ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF THIS COUNTRY THROUGH PROGRAMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THROUGH TRADE RELATIONS AND THROUGH THE INVESTMENT OF AMERICAN PRIVATE CAPITAL. IN THIS REGARD,

I WAS MUCH IMPRESSED WITH A STATEMENT ON "NATIONALISM" MADE BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, FEBRUARY 1974. HE SAID THEN: QUOTE IT MAKES LITTLE SENSE TO CLASSIFY FIRMS--AND QUALIFY THEM--AS A FUNCTION OF THE NATIONALITY OF THE STOCKHOLDERS, WHEN WHAT REALLY COUNTS AND IS OF INTEREST IS TO KNOW TO WHAT MEASURE THESE STOCKHOLDERS SERVE THE PROGRESS OF THE NATION OR RETARD IT. UNQUOTE

IT IS WISDOM SUCH AS THIS, COMBINED WITH THE ENTERPRISE OF A DYNAMIC PEOPLE, THAT HAS ENABLED THIS COUNTRY TO EXPERIENCE THE PAST DECADE OF UNPARALLELED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND POLITICAL TRANQUILITY IN AN OPEN SOCIETY.

ALL OF US WHO HAVE INVOLVED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE AWARE THAT OUR NATIONAL DESTINIES HAVE BEEN LINKED OVER A LONG, AND SOMETIMES TUMULTUOUS, HISTORY. TODAY, IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, THESE LINKS ARE CAUGHT UP IN A COMPLEX OF REGIONAL AND WORLD-WIDE INTERRELATIONS. AS EVENTS AND POLICIES IN ONE COUNTRY AND REGION INCREASINGLY AFFECT THE CONCERNS OF OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, IT IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER FOR US TO CONSULT, NEGOTIATE AND COOPERATE IN MEETING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR CITIZENS AND TO EACH OTHER. OUR MEETING AT SANTIAGO WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THIS SPIRIT, AS WAS MY VISIT HERE.

THE FOUNDING FATHER OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, JUAN PABLO DUARTE, ONCE NOTED IN A LETTER TO A FRIEND THAT WORKING FOR ONE'S COUNTRY IS TO WORK FOR OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS OURSELVES. A CENTURY AFTER THE DEATH OF JUAN PABLO DUARTE, THIS THOUGHT IS STILL TIMELY. OUR TALKS HERE TODAY AND THE WORK WE EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH IN SANTIAGO WILL, I HOPE, CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER WORLD FOR OURSELVES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. END TEXT.  
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